

Womens Activities

By MARY VONDERAHE

Westminster Choir To Present Concert Saturday, Jan. 25

Making its first transcontinental tour since the war, the Westminster Choir will appear under the auspices of the San Pedro Philharmonic and Artists Association, Inc., on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the San Pedro high school auditorium. A students' concert will be given at 2:30 p.m., with the regular concert at 8:30 p.m. Admission to either concert will be by membership only, with no single admissions available at the door. Students in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to purchase a membership to attend the afternoon concert, to which no adults will be admitted. Memberships are available at the schools or from the President, Mrs. R. E. Carson, 1313 Silivus ave., San Pedro. This concert will be the second of the "Ode" series. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this distinguished concert group of 40 voices, whose more than 2,000 performances in the United States and Europe have established its unparalleled reputation.

Since its initial tour, the Westminster Choir has sung throughout the United States and Canada, made two European tours that have included England, Scotland, France, Austria, Norway, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Russia. It has made 86 orchestral appearances in six years with major symphony orchestras, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, NBC Symphony and the Rochester Philharmonic, under the direction of such conductors as Arturo Toscanini, Sergel Rachmaninoff, Bruno Walter, Eugene Ormandy, Arto Oksanen, Leopold Stokowski and Jose Iturbi.

Celebrated for the catholicity of its programs, the choir presents a repertoire ranging from early Italian masters to contemporary composers. Of great popular appeal is its singing of American folk tunes, Indian and cowboy songs, negro spirituals, hymns and the magnificent music of the Russian church. In the modern idiom, there are works by George Gershwin, Roy Harris, Serge Prokofiev, Samuel Barber and Jerome Kern.

Mrs. Roy Coates Secretary

MRS. FRANK SCHMIDT IS BIRTHDAY HONOREE

Mrs. Frank Schmidt was the surprised honoree at a party at her home when her husband presented her with a decorated birthday cake and other gifts.

The presentation followed a delightful informal buffet supper party arranged by Mrs. Schmidt for her husband and their guests upon their arrival from a Lomita Masonic lodge meeting.

Included in the party were Messrs. and Mrs. A. J. Pevy, Los Angeles; G. A. Motherwell, J. E. Harrington, A. K. Sanders, E. C. Wells, Miss Carlotta Dean and John Agapito, Jr., all of this city; and Mrs. G. Hubbert of Bellflower.

Walteria School To Promote Six Boys Jan. 31

A class of six boys will be promoted from Walteria elementary school Friday, Jan. 31, to enter seventh grade at Narbonne high school the following Monday, Feb. 8.

Leaving Walteria school will be Warren Bennett, Pat Callahan, Franklin Gipe, Wayne Ihd, Joe Lopez and Stacy Stevens.

Legion Auxiliary Works To Combat Collectivism

How the American Legion Auxiliary is mustering its strength for a fight to keep America free from the collectivism which is spreading over so much of the world was described by Mrs. Alma Smith, Americanism chairman of Bert S. Crossland Unit of the Auxiliary, at the Unit meeting Monday night.

She declared that advocates of a collective form of rule for the United States were taking advantage of postwar confusion and discontent to promote their cause, and that 1947 would be a critical year for individual liberty in America.

"There is real danger that the free way of life Americans all ways have enjoyed and which we have defended in two World Wars may be lost to us in time of peace," said Mrs. Smith. "Collectivism which wipes out individual and property rights has spread rapidly in the wake of the war and has many active advocates in the United States. Every day we delay in getting our nation back into gear strengthens their hands."

"The American Legion Auxiliary hopes to have one million women enrolled to fight against this threat in 1947. We believe that a vigorous, successful democracy is the best defense against world communism and we have a broad program of activities designed to help make American democracy an ever increasing success. There is a place in this program where every eligible woman can do something tangible in defense of democracy. We are inviting all women of Legion families to come into the Auxiliary now and add their influence to our efforts to keep America American."

Recreation Plan Nearby Facing Cancellation

Cost of land has been given as the reason for halting plans for the \$12,000,000 Grace street reservoir in the Laguna-Dominguez area near Torrance, by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

This announcement was made by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who has been working on a vast recreational project at the reservoir site.

Colonel E. Hedger, flood control district head, is of the opinion, Darby said, "that the land alone for this reservoir would cost approximately \$1,825,000, and it would be more practical to provide drainage by means of a concrete channel to the harbor."

Darby added that Hedger arrived at his conclusion after receiving a bid of \$200,000 as the price of 429.5 acres of land at the Laguna-Dominguez site.

Campaign Theme Told By Dean Sears, R.C. Fund Chairman Here

Reflecting the tenor of the year-round Red Cross services, the cheering slogan—"Give Gladly"—this week was adopted as the official theme for the 1947 fund campaign getting under way here March 1.

Dean L. Sears, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America, fund chairman of the drive here, in announcing the theme to key division leaders and workers, declared:

"The theme was suggested to Red Cross by the veterans themselves convalescing in nearby hospitals. For no matter what their ailment, these recuperating men and women are keeping their spirits high and they tell us that Red Cross volunteers are instrumental in attaining this atmosphere of cheerfulness in the convalescent centers."

"Countless services performed by Red Cross around-the-clock and throughout the year are carried on by trained volunteers giving gladly of their time assisting those in need, with women giving up their Sundays and holidays to bring the community life to the convalescing men and women in nearby veterans' and military hospitals."

To carry on the continuing services to veterans, service men and their families, Sears pointed out, Red Cross "asks supporters of the mercy organization to donate to this year's fund campaign in the same spirit—'give gladly.'"

The theme will be emphasized in all channels of the campaign, he explained, serving as the basic message on all literature, window display material, counter cards and other exploitation.

Mr. Sears, who resides at 1635 Post ave., is past president of the Kiwanis Club, a director of the Chamber of Commerce and a former treasurer of Torrance Branch, American Red Cross.

ELEMENTARY P. T. A. AT BOARD MEETING

At the meeting of the executive board of Torrance Elementary P. T. A., held Thursday afternoon in the school Mrs. Don Wolf, president, reported on the party given by the council for students of the San Pedro development school. She also discussed Yule activities at Torrance Elementary school when parents visited and assisted with party arrangements.

Named to serve on the Founders Day committee were J. E. Popovich, L. C. Smith, Coy Parton, Kenneth Ruffell and

SCOUT MOTHERS MEET

The Mothers Club of Scout Troop 217 met last week at the home of Mrs. Edna Peterson on Beach ave.

Mrs. Hazel Sullivan was complimented with a "wee gift" shower at the conclusion of the business session.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, Mrs. J. Thompson will open her home at 1354 W. 219th st., for a meeting

Charley Emory, Mrs. George Baer, assisted by mothers of the graduating class will arrange plans for a party in the students' honor.

Pioneer Residents Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito, of 804 Amapola ave., celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary Sunday with a party at their home.

Attending the enjoyable affair were Mr. and Mrs. J. Liberto, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. F. Schmidt, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Briganti and family, the Misses Carlotta Dean and Vonetta Peck, Johnnie Agapito, and W. P. Agapito, all of this city.

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LT. AND MRS. LOFTUS VISIT PARENTS HERE

1st Lt. M. J. Loftus and Mrs. Loftus (the former Jo Billingsley) and daughter Donna spent 10 days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Billingsley, 1418 Madrid ave., and Mr. and Mrs. John Loftus, also of this city. Lt. Loftus and his family flew from San Antonio, Texas, where he is taking pilot training at Randolph Field.

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic card party are Mrs. Felton, Cole, Forester, Kitto, Dorrigan, Elder, Graziano, Lander, Morris, Sarah Morris, Carole Weber, Odilia LeBlanc and Miss Opal Yorker. Everyone is cordially invited.

The first door prize will be awarded at 8:00 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge will begin immediately. Refreshments will be served at the close of play.

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Grocery Chain Adopts Guide For Consumers

"Informative grade labeling" was described today by the nation's principal food distributor as the best consumer-protective measure yet devised to reduce the guesswork in shopping for canned foods.

"The reappearance of good supplies of canned foods after an absence of six years emphasizes the need for something more than brand names to help consumers select items whose quality is not apparent at the point of purchase," said David T. Bofinger, vice president of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. "Informative grade labeling represents real progress in this direction."

"We have been experimenting with this type of labeling since the Department of Agriculture first established grade designations in 1934. We will continue to add such designations to new items as fast as standards of quality are set by the department and adopted by the trade."